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MOUNT VERNON BOULEVARD, As we understand it, the great difficulty in the way of an immediate and favorable consideration of the project for the construction of a great boulevard from Arlington to Mount Vernon has been the largeness of its estimated cost. The plans which have been presented involve an expenditure of about \$1. 600,000, and in the face of this amount the committee to which the matter was referred naturally hesitated.

There can be no question as to the importance and interest of the enterprise proposed. The two places in the neighborhood of the capital of the nation which have for the patriotic American heart the most hallowed associations are Arlington and Mount Vernon-one containing the resting place of our dead heroes and the other the tomb of the Father of his Country. If the New York avenue bridge were constructed and a proper roadway made to Arlington scarcely one of the thousands upon thousands of our yearly visitors would leave the city without visiting the famous cemetery, and if the Mount Vernon boulevard were completed it is safe to say that the visitors to Arlington would also be visitors to Mount Vernon.

Nevertheless a million is a considerable sum to expend on a roadway of that length, and, since the land will be freely donated, there seems to be no good reason why it should not be built at half that cost. Accordingly Colonel Hains has been consulted, and, on expressing his belief that the work can be accomplished for \$400,000, he has been requested to furnish estimates in accordance with his plan. In this fact there is a guarantee that the work will not be abandoned, a circumstance which will prove gratifying to our citizens generally, for while the work is really one of national interest, it will be a desirable improvement in the vicinity of the Capital, and so be incidentally of benefit to its residents.

THE CONGRESS NOT A PAILURE. Now that the Pan-American Congress has finally affourned, a disposition is discernible in certain portions of the press to belittle its work and to assert that its deliberations can have no practical results. But it should in no quarter be forgotten that it was convened less with the view of effecting immediate negotiations of an international kind than with that of arriving at a preliminary understanding of the questions that are of mutual interest to the sister Republics of the American continent.

That this is the case will be seen by remembering the topics which were suggested for discussion in the invitations sent out by this Government to the various governments participating, and if a comparison is made between the topics so suggested and the several reports on various subjects adopted by the congress it will be further seen how fully the original purpose has been fulfilled. As yet the country has no information as to the discussions which preceded those reports, for the congress met in secret session, but beyond question they must have been of the most valuable and instructive character. In any case the congress must have had the effect of making the distinguished representatives of countries that are not only contiguous to each other, but are bound together by political and commercial ties, better acquainted with each other and with the views and interests of their respective communities.

It should be borne in mind that though the conference was a thoroughly authorized and representative body it had no treaty making power, and its conclusions were not to be held binding until action to that effect should be taken by their respective governments. It was from the first understood that such conclusions were to be purely recommendatory, and that their pur pose would be largely accomplished in the educative and moral influence they would naturally exert.

In accordance with this view the reports adopted recommend many measures calculated to remove some obstacles which exist in regard to commercial and social intercourse between this country and our southern neighbors. Means for the improvement of communication both by land and water have been suggested. A uniform modification of customs methods, of weights and measures, of commercial and legal usages have been proposed and recommended. The establishment of an international American bank, with branches or agencies in all of the Pan-American countries, was also recommended, with the view of organizing a system of exchanges among the countries represented. The idea of a Pan-American commercial union was proposed, but the condition of some of the countries in regard to revenue and internal finance was such that insuperable

objections were raised. convention was the plan of arbitration which was agreed to, and which, if accepted by all the governments represented, will introduce a new and imall disputes in matters of diplomatic etiquette, territory, boundaries, questions of navigation, and all such ques- location can equal that, in convenience

to arbitration.

When it is considered that these subjects and many others similar were fully discussed by very able and distinguished men who necessarily regarded them from very different standpoints, and that intelligent conclusions were arrived at which show the way to a greater progress and a speedler development for the whole continent, and which may at any day receive practical effect, it is difficult to see how anyone can regard the conference as a fallure. In truth, it was the most unique body of publicists which the world has ever known, and their discussions and conclusions cannot fail to produce the best results in the near future.

PRESBYTERIAN REVISION.

By mail (postage prepald), 1 year \$5 00 I'm to the close of last week 156 of the 212 presbyteries of the country had voted upon the question of revising the Confession of Faith, which for two centuries and a half has been the creed of the great and influential Presbyteria Church. Of these 156, 99 favor rerision, 52 oppose It, 4 missionary presbyteries have declined to vote, and I was a tie. It will thus be seen that revision seems to be gaining the day. Of the large cities of the country. Baltimore, Brooklyn, New York and Washington are for revision, while Kansas City, Philadelphia, Pittsburg and San Francisco are against it.

What directs special attention to the present agitation in this ecclesiastical body is the fact that Presbyterians have been generally known as very conservative in their opinions and tenacious in their tenets. It must not be thought that there is much religious radicalism in the controversy which now disturbs the Church. The dissatisfaction is mainly in regard to the doc trine of election, of which the underside

is the doctrine of reprobation. Presbyterians of this generation have, to a great extent, received their creed from the pulpit, and the Presbyterian pulpit, for a quarter of a century at least, has been nearly silent in regard to the doctrines referred to. It is with surprise, therefore, that the bulk of the lafty have lately discovered that they have a place in their Confession.

The extent to which this is true is shown by the case of Henry Day, the well-known New York lawyer, to whom the New York Sun refers as "an elder of the Church, a Presbyterian dved in the wool, an acute attorney, and a studious and well-informed man. Yet, when the Westminster confession was first under criticism, Mr. Day expressed himself as astonished to learn that he had been professing to believe in its teachings. The doctrine of election was anhorrent to him, and he probably represented the feeling of the great majority of Presbyterian laymen." Now, in all the conventions of the Presbyterian Church the laity is represented equally with the clergy; hence the strength of the movement in favor of revision.

Still, even though a majority of the presbyteries may favor revision, it is not likely to be carried this year. It takes a vote of two-thirds of the presbyteries to change the constitution or creed of the church, and it is not probable that so large a majority will be obtained. If, therefore, the revisionists want revision they may have to keep on agitating.

cumstances, will meet with universal approval. There seems to be no good reason why the same action should not be taken in the case of Mr. Frank K. Ward. When bail was applied for Mr. Ward's case it was denied on the ground that there was no precedent to govern the case. Judge Bingham has made a precedent. Mr. Ward is no doubt a stronger man than Mr. Kincaid, but it has been well known to his friends that he has severely suffered in health during his confinement. Numerous citizens stand ready to act as his sureties, and no man in this community believes for a moment that Mr. Ward would not faithfully await his trial. The law presumes a man innocent until he is proved guilty. All the same the preliminary confinement of these presumed innocents is very apt to turn into a premature punishment in

WHILE MR. BLAINE'S action in recalling the Pan-American excursion train and breaking off the proposed Southern trip at Richmond will be generally justified, on account of the circumstances in the case, yet the occurrence is greatly to be regretted. When the Northern tour of the delegates to the convention was planned, complaint was made that it neglected all the salient points of the industrial and commercial South, and the project of the present tour was generally regarded as an afterthought. It might have been expected that when the serious business of the congress was over the busy men who constituted it would be anxious to return speedily to their respective spheres of activity. Accordingly, the abortiveness of the Southern tour will not place the afterthought in a very pleasing light or tend greatly to

allay Southern disappointment. MR BALFOUR's Irish land scheme is having a pretty rough time in the English House of Commons. Yesterday Mr. Parnell subjected the measure to a searching and unfavorable critieism, showing that, instead of being for the relief of Irish landlords in general, it was shaped in the interest of absentee landlords, and would enable them to sell their property at exorbitant rates, while the poorer resident landlords would be left in the lurch. At the poor law valuation it will take \$830,000,000 to purchase the Irish estates, and he held that \$200,000,000, the sum which Mr. Balfour proposes, is ridiculously inadequate.

THE BILL MAKING an appropriation for the purchase of a site for a building to house the Supreme Court of the Probably the crowning work of the United States is one which should secure immediate passage. As in the case of the National Library the necessity for a new and suitable building to answer the purposes of a Supreme Court periant principle into the public law of | house has long been a foregone concluthe Western hemisphere. By this plan | sion. The site to be selected is the square north of the library site, and it will be generally admitted that no other

tions as involve a quarrel, are referred of situation and general appropriateness Such a building, together with the Library building, when finished, will make a satisfactory finish to the fine esplanade to the east of the Capitol. It begins to look as though bye and bye Congress would have the Capitol all to itself.

IF Sr. Louis didn't get the World's Fair she is proudly boasting of the biggest beer barrel on earth. It is twentythree feet high, twenty-two feet wide and has a capacity of 54,000 gallons, or 1,700 ordinary beer barrels, being almost as great as the capacity of a New York Alderman for boodle.

THE PAPERS announce that Theodore Thomas is to be married in May, and that meanwhile he is writing music for "The Culprit Fay." Now, is this simply a poetical inspiration or is there a hidden meaning in the simultaneous appouncement.

SENATOR VEST'S COMPARISON OF Chicago and Hades anent the World's Fair appears to be an elaborate plagiarism of the late General Phil Sheridan's remark about Texas and hell-that if he owned the two he would rent out the former and live in the latter.

A CHICAGO WOMAN writes to one of the papers of that city asking how she can cure the habit of excessive blushing, and a St. Louis man is mean enough to suggest that the best thing she can do is to leave that town.

THE SILVER QUESTION Is a most perplexing and confusing one if one may judge from the immense variety of views entertained in Congress in regard to it.

PERSONAL

Mr. Herman Franklin of the Harris House will shortly leave for Niagara Falls to accept a responsible position in the Clifton House,

General William Mahone is in Tazwell County, Southwest Virginia, look-ing for investments, and it is said Sen-ators Plumb and Sherman will join him n a few days. It is stated that the ex-Virginia Senator has made application for \$10,000 worth of stock in the new company which recently formed the and syndicate at the new town of

It is said that Senator Edmunds will con take a trip to the South for his Senator Blair is said to have lost twenty-five pounds since the opening

William D. Howells predicts that the great American novelist will come from

George W. Cable will write the life

of William Gilmore Simms in the American Men of Letter Series. The wife of Valadimir Pachman, the famous Russian planist, is said to re-semble Mrs. Langtry so closely as to have been mistaken for her more than

Rider Haggard and Andrew Lang have been collaborating upon a story which will be called "The World's Desire," and will be published serially in one of the reviews.

It is said that Victor Maurel, the famous tenor, now performing at Trieste, has just made an engagement to come to America for three years, the remuneration being \$100,000;

Henry George is having a cordial welcome in Australia. He has been en-tertained at a grand banquet at Sydney, and his lectures on the land question have been attended by crowded Wilkie Collins is said to have re-

is, as I think, the most per fect of all novels." The monument to Daguerre to be

erected before the Smithsonian Institution in this city has been designed by J. S. Hartley. An altar-like pedestal supports a half globe, on which stands a bust of the inventor of daguerreotypes. A bronze figure of Famekneels before the globe and crowns the bust with a garland.

Negotiations are said to be nearly completed with M. Gounod to write an original grand opera in four acts, which will be produced in America in The master will himself superintend the production, and conduct in person on the first night. The first, second and fourth acts are laid in Mexico at the time of Montezumas, and the third act is in the Western

The album presented as an Easter gift to M. Pasteur by his English and American admirers is described as a magnificent volume. The first page bears the signature of the Prince of Walse American the control of the Prince of the P Wales. Among the other signatures are those of the professors of the Univerities of Oxford, Cambridge, Edin-burgh, Glasgow, Aberdeen, San Francisco, Toronto and Montreal. There are also the signatures of Professor Huxley, Mr. Gladstone, Professor Max Muller. Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes

ASSIMBLYMAN BROWN.

Yez may talk av yer Saysers an Nebbycodnaysers, Yer princes and kaisers, the greatest an' Av Romans and Gractans an' Throjans, an'

Thraycians,
An' ancient Phynacians that lived in the But there's not wan at all o' thim, great wans or small o' thim, Short ones or tall o' thim, as worthy re-

As that wise legislator an brilliant debater, An' famous orator, Assimblyman Brown.

There wor Romulus, Raymus, an' great

Polyphemus, Aich av whom a shtrong claim has on histhory's page; There wor Hecthor, an' Nayro an' Plutarch an Phayro, An' Gracehus the hayro an' soldier an'

An' others, whose mintion would dhraw your attintion—
Min o' great comprehinsion, desarvin'
their crown—

But even their Platos wor all small pota-Compared to that Phaynix, Assimblyman

There's no muddyphysician has his crudi-An any position be'd asily win, For he knows the constructions o' fractions

an' fluxions, Substhractions, reductions, the outside An' as for verbosity, syntax an' prosody, I'il pledge me veresity none can be foun' Has so sparklin' a jantous, or wit so spon-

As the boss av our disthrict, Assimbly-

rob! he's a dalsy. I says to him, says f: Me friend, you'll go crazy av you don't take care, or your brain must be whirlin' an' twistin' an' twirin'; orvolutin' an curlin' like motes in the air; There's the Greek an' the Latin an Hay-brew yer pat in, An' the divyle knows what in ye can't

bate the town."
n' he answered me, laughin': "Git out wid yer chaffin',
Au' say what ye'll dhrink wid Assimbly-man Brown. Davyd Rorty in Puck.

THE SOCIAL WORLD.

This afternoon and evening will prove quite gay in the social world. Among the number of entertainments will be a ten by Miss Grace Davis to her guest, Miss Alexander of New York, and Miss Leuise Shepard, daughter of Colonel Elliott Shepard of New York. Mrs. Cockrell will give a tea from 4

7 to meet Miss Dameron and Miss Briggs of St. Louis. President and Mrs. Harrison will give reception to the Army and Navy this

Mr. and Mrs. Woodbury Lowery will give a reception at 9:30 o'clock. Mrs. Macomb, wife of Engineer Macomb, U. S. N., is the guest of her

sister, Mrs. Farquhar, at the Livingston on Fifteenth street. Miss Clay of Kentucky is the guest of Miss Breckinbridge of Connecticut

Miss Bertle Greer will give a lonch earty on Friday. Miss Edith Lawrence Black of New York will return to her home in the North on Wednesday, after a visit of several weeks to the Misses Condit

Miss Beatrice Farquhar, daughter o Commander Norman G. Farquhar, U. S. N., will leave this afternoon with a party of friends for Baltimore, from where she will sail with them to morrow for a trip abroad. Mr. and Mrs. Tit-man of this city will be of the party.

Senator and Mrs. Squire gave a dinner at the Arlington last evening to Mr. and Mrs. Warner Miller. The guests were: Senator and Mrs. J. P. Jones, Representative and Mrs. Flower, Senator Allison. General and Mrs. McCook, Mrs. John Miller, Lleutenant and Mrs. Richardson Clover, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Foster, Mr. and Mrs. John B. Taylor, Miss Miller, Mrs. Furmon, and Miss

Miss Breckinridge gave a violet funcheon yesterday to her guest, Miss Clay of Kentucky, and Miss Louiso Shepard of New York, the guest of the White House. The guests were Miss Proctor, Miss Miller, Miss Grace Davis, Miss Father, Miss Grace Davis, Miss Ernst, Miss Edie, the Misses Windom, Miss Mildred Fuller, Miss Almy, Miss Agnes Carter, Miss Dahlgren, Miss Fleming, Miss Elise Butler and Miss Dalzell

Miss Nathalie Borry gave a theatre party to see "The Brigands" last evening, which was followed by a supper at her residence on H street.

The marriage of Mr. Herbert Ward, the African explorer, to Miss Sarita Sanford, daughter of Mr. Charles H. Sanford of New York, took place in that city last evening. Mr. and Mrs. Ward sall for Europe to day on the teamer Saale.

The marriage of Miss Rosecrans to Governor Toole of Montana will take place early in May and will be quietly solemuized in one of the private parlors at Willard's, where Father Chappell will officiate. Vice-President and Mrs. Morton were

the guests of honor at a dinner given last evening by Mr. and Mrs. Walter The marriage of Miss Eloise Root to John Stokes Adams of Philadelphia will take place at noon to-morrow at

Ephiphany Church. Miss May McFalls, granddaughter of 'Father' Gobright, has returned from Cavetano Romero.

BARRETT TO PLAY "HAMLET" At the Request of High School Pupils

and Prominent Citizens. The request of the High School pupils and certain prominent citizens that the his departure has been acceded to, as goers to spend an enjoyable evening. the following correspondence will show:

Mr. Wilson Barrett: The undersigned, pupils of the Washington High School, who are studying Shakespeare's tragedy of "Hamlet," and who are desirous of seeing it played, do most earnestly request that you will give a production of the same one evening during your stay.

ing your stay:

It. Lane, princi-G. J. Smith, instructor in English literature,
M. Bogan, Allen B. Fay,
A. Appel, jr., F. R. Slater,
J. Douglas, H. G. Meem,
P. Walker, John H. Hazelton,
B. Kimball, William McC. Wilson,
John S. Cooper, Paul Tinkel,
Ames Gillin, N. B. Powell,
J. O. Chamberlain, Guy H. Johnson,
H. Ford, F. C. Lawyer,
J. N. M. Spelde, F. C. Lawyer, P. R. McBride es J. Dietz. P. R. McBride,
George H. Bright,
F. W. Hart,
E. D. Duvail, jr.,
George M. Ander
R. F. Swayze,
E. H. Jones,
H. R. Bates,
O. L. Whepple,
Harry J. Allen,
M. Thompson,
W. M. Purman,
E. W. Keisinger, M. Chamberlain gust von Bayer, L. Denison, C. B. Bayley, jr., Charles S. Albert, Edward P. Batley, Cleveland Abbe, in Fred. McKee Albert T. Ryan. C. O'Loughlin, Henry Ulke, Reeve Lewis, A. F. Hassau, B. L. Pullizzi, L. Harding, L. W. Pool, M. Dye, L. D. Haden, Bohrer. E. L. Erb, Elia L. Davis, Lula Mac McElfresh Maud Watson, Mazie Martin

Madin Watson,
Sadie Musser,
Lula S. Anderson,
Helen Stockbridge,
Carrie M. Young,
Masie M. Gardner,
Agues Babbitt,
Clara S. Bremermat
Clara Brandt. Fannie McLaughlio F. Ulkee, Letitia E. Elliott, Clara Brandt, Blanch M. Geyer, Katie B. Davidsor Carrie H. Smith, B. Bruce Banks, Clara J. Wood,

E. Lineaweaver, L. Willenbucher, Hattie J. Babbitt. Laura G. Test, Aunie L. Pierce. Fatnie Kaufmann Carrie R. Gurley, J. F. King, May Hover, Helen Lyon, Jeanne B. Taylor. Amelia Rakeman, Maud McNaught, Carrie S. Jordan, Mary Gillon, Edna Daisee Towne,

To this petition the following reply

NEW NATIONAL THEATRE.

NEW NATIONAL THEATRE,
WASHINGTON, April 21.

To F. R. Lane, G. J. Smith, and the pupils
of the Washington High School:
Mr. Wilson Barrett desires to thank you
for the honor you have done him in sending
him the numerously-signed request for a
repetition of his performance of "Hamlet"
in this city. So many other applications to
the same effect have been sent to the boxoffice and to Mr. Barrett personally that he
has decided to produce his arrangement of
the great tragedy on Thursday evening
next, April 21. Very sincerely.
CLARS S. SAMMIS,
Manager for Wilson Barrett.
The special scenery for Mr. Barrett's

The special scenery for Mr. Barrett's production of "Hamlet" had been packed for shipment to England, but by order of the management it will be reshipped from New York to this city, and will be used at the National on Thursday evening.

No Life in It. From the St. Louis Post-Disoutch After looking the Ways and Means Tariff bill over, the Republicans in Con-gress, so specials to Republican organs tell us, "generally express the opinion that a bill in some form will become a law." This is a deliberate way of saying that the bill was born dead.

AMUSEMENTS

New National Theatre. Manager Rapley indubitably deserves well of the republic and has put the citizens of Washington under no slight load of obligation by his enterprise in securing two such admirable consecutive attractions as the Daly company and Mr. Wilson Barrett's, and winding up his very successful season in a blaze of dramatic giory. To follow up the best comedy organization in America with that representing in the highest and most artistic form British melo-drama and the play of romance and emotion is a managerial move deserving all commendation and material sup-port, and Mr. Rapley seems to be ob-taining both to his heart's content.

Wilson Barrett and his company have

Wilson Barrett and his company have been prime favorites in Washington since they fairly took the National Capital by storm on their first appearance here, and the fact of the present being a return engagement does not seem at all likely to militate against its success. "Ben-My-Chree," the play which made so strong if sombre an impression at the last visit of the company, was selected for the opening night, and has perceptibly gained in the rugged power and moving pathos of its rendition. It affords Mr. Barrett one of those roles of doom and fatality, the figure of a solitary man bowed in the figure of a solitary man bowed in the awful shadow of an inexorable curse or pursued by a relentless des-tiny such as his Claudian, Chatterton, etc., wherein he most powerfully ap-peals to our sympathies. This weird story of the rude Manx fisherman, with its wild scenes of sea, and crag and moor, the deadly duel with knives, the strange trial by the stranger court, and all its unique equipment of place, personnel, dialogue and incident, make t one of the most interesting if pecu liar dramas on the stage of to-day.

Mr. Barrett and Miss Eastlake re

peated their former triumphs as Dan and Mona Mylrea, and the excellent company throughout have, if possible, improved in the rendition of their quaint and exacting roles. "Beu-My-Chree" will be given again this even-ing for the last time in this engage ment, which every one regrets is Mr. Barrett's farewell to America, as the cares of his new theatre will probably keep him from us for several seasons.

Albaugh's Grand Opera-House. The second week of the Carleton opera season opened very auspiciously ast night, with a large and enthusiastic house and a very bright and tuneful presentation of the ever popular "Brigands." Mr. Carleton as Fulsacappa was, as of old, every inch the dashing bandit chief, and his powerful baritone gave good account of itself in the rollicking numbers of the score. Forella is one of the roles admitting of any quantity of dash and abandon which Miss Alice Carle does so thoroughly con amore, and dramatically, indeed, her version is stronger and more in character than Miss Lillian Russell's. Mr. Murray's fine voice improves on acquaintance, and the choruses and concerted music were for the most very creditably rendered. The 'Brigands' will continue the attraction for the week, including Saturday matinee

Bootles' Baby" at Harris'. Little Lena Bereisen as Bootles' Bubg is a trump card this week at Harris' Bijou Theatre. The play in its entirety is one of the successes of the season. The cast is well manned, the scenic effects superb and picturesque, and the pretty plot story well told. Miss Gabrielle Du Sauld wins many and deserved encores in the leading role, and she is very ably seconded by Mr.
Clarence Handyside and the
other members of the company. great English actor, Wilson Barrett, Madison Square Theatre and presents This attraction comes from the famous give a performance of "Hamlet" before an opportunity for Washington theatre-Kernan's Theatre.

An effervescing, sparkling programme is being presented at Kernan's this week by the famous Rose Hill English Folly Company, under the management of those well-known amusement caterers, Rice and Barton. The curtain rises first upon "The Ruby The curtain rises first upon "The Ruby of the Desert," a superb scenic burletta with twelve bewitching tableaux arranged by Rose Hill, and copyrighted in 1889 to prevent pretended imitations. The stage settings for these picturesque views of human grace and beauty cost the troupe management over \$5,000. They are of pure silk-plush velvet and form a beautiful relief with the female statuary in the background.

Next comes Toner and Frobel, intro-

ducing remarkable feats on the silver bar and hair-raising somersaults. Then Nellie and Rose King, in their novel specialty, and Kitty Lore and May Clinton, the challenge lady sharpshooters, in accurate and rapid rifle firlug and Nettle Sheehan, the silver-voiced vocalist. The performance concludes with the great spectacular opera-burlesque, "Parisian Revels; or, Cupid's Capers," introducing a fascinating compary of female beauties, in both face and form, who illustrate the follies and form, who illustrate the follies and folbles of Paris in a masterly, bewitching, and natural manner. The costumer worn throughout are master pieces of art and taste, and were gotten up re gardless of cost. 'The "show" is first class, and anyone who desires to spen an evening of enchantment should not fail to visit Kernan's this week.

THE PETTY HUMORISTS.

Gussy-It must have been rather rough on the old Indians when they had but a single pipe when they smoked their pipe of peace.

Charlie—I should say so; for my part when there's a crowd I prefer a pipe apiece.—New York Herald.

The coachman who contemplates eloping with and marrying his employer's daughter should remember that by so doing he will lower his position from coachman to groom. -Bing hamton Republican. Winks-I see that the publishers of

'Looking Backward' have made \$50, 600 on that book, while Bellamy, the author, has made but \$5,000. Minks—Well, if Bellamy had looked forward instead of backward he would have published it himself—New York REMINISCENCE OF THE SUMMER OURL.

They had parted just a year ago,
A year in the month of May,
And met again in the golden glow
That came at the close of day.

He plucked a leaf from the clinging vine, "Remember not you," he said, "How I compared to this love of mine "See, still it lives and is fresh and new, While 'tis spreading far and wide."
"I do not forget," she said; "'tis true, But this vine last winter died."

New York Herold.

What a man doesn't publish should be as sacred as what he tears up; but a ghost has no protection against the ragpickers of literature—Puck.

Relief for the Kansas Farmer. From the St. Laute Republic.

When the sheriff comes to foreclose a Kansas corn-burner's mortgage the two should go off behind the barn together and curse Jeff Davis. It will exhibarate them wonderfully.

DANCING IN THE WHITE HOUSE,

A Stir in Washington Over the Unex-pected Pleasure Set Forth. The most delightful agitation pervades official circles, says the Washington correspondent of the New York It is much more than a social ripple. It is the flurry and excitement of anticipated pleasure, a pleasure unlocked-for, and therefore the surprise of it is the joy of it. There is to be a dance in the White House. It is not to be speken of as a ball, but a "small and carly" dance in the grand East Room. The cards are out. "Mrs. Mc-Kee. At Home, Wednesday April. Kee. At Home. Wednesday, April 23, 1890." To be sure, "dancing" is not on the cards, but it is announced on authority that Mrs. McKee's "At Home" is to be a dance. Here is the way a bright woman puts it, and as she is the wife of a leading Republican Senator, and on the friendliest terms with the White House family, she may

be quoted in all fairness:

"Oh, they are warming up over there, and it's high time, too. The atmosphere has been a little frigid, but there is going to be a change. Mark my words. The air will be tropical before the Ad-The air will be tropical before the Administration goes out. The women are going to bring it about by social life. The President's wife cannot shake hands with the people, but the President's daughter can dance with her friends, and very gracefully, too. The President's daughter in law is one of President's daughter-in-law is one of the prettiest young women in Washing-ton. These two attractive young ma-trons are going to make the old White House gay with the galety of young people. They have been trying to work it up for some time, but the President held off. One must say they achieved a big thing when they finally obtained his consent to begin with a dance. How-ever, they say, some particular men ever, they say, some particular men friends frankly told him that the atmosphere of the White House must be changed or the whole country would be in the frigid zone. You see, I know the President like a book. He does not mean it, but he is so absorbed in his official duties and his grandchildren that he does no see the signs of the times. But this dance will be a great social event. Social life in Washington goes a long way in shaping politics, and it's a power at the White House. Everybody is talking about this dance, partly because it's the first, and partly be-cause in the brilliant East Room it will a beautiful party. Those who are asked are in the seven heavens of delight. Those who are not asked are-well, not happy. But of course this one is only the beginning. Their turn will come next time. Once the ice is broken, White House dances will be as frequent, no doubt, as White House receptions.'

THE IRISH DON'T APPLY.

A Great Decrease in Immigration from the Green Little Isle,

The rapidly-changing character of immigration to the United States is shown by the reports issued by the Treasury Department, says Moses P. Handy, writing from Washington to the Philadelphia North American. The most remarkable feature is the decline in the Irish immigration. At one time more immigrants came here from Ireland than from any other country, but now less than 5 per cent. of the new arrivals are from the "ould country," whereas not long ago the proportion was more than 30 per cent. Last month four times as many Germans as Irishmen came here, three times as many Austrians, twice as many Hungarians, three times as many English, twice the number of Prussians and more Swedes and Norweigans.

There are more German immigrants There are more German immigrants than there are of any two other nationalities. This includes Austrians, who are really Germans. During the last eight months about 65,000 Germans arrived, thirty-one per cent. of the total. The decline in Irish immigration is more than offset by the increase from Hungary, Austria, Italy and Russia, each of which is sending nearly double the number it did last year.

The Scandinavian immigrants have decreased about one third and the Eng-lish show a slight increase. The number of English immigrants during the last eight months was 35,000, or 17 per cent.; Italians and Russians 18,000 each or about 9 per cent, each, and Scandi navians 10 per cent., or 22,000. Nearly one-half of our foreign arrivals, as may be seen from this, come from Germany and England.

WOMEN OF THE WORLD.

The only daughter of Victor Hugo is now an old woman, confined in a lunatic asylum. The German Empress is forming a "League for the Preservation of Good Habits" among Prussian ladies.

ucen of Holland, is a fair-haired, slender, inconspicuous maid of 9 One-third of the women registered in Leavenworth voted, and less than one tenth of the women of Leavenworth

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Princess Wilhelmina, the future

Phebe Earl Gibbons denies that the Friends are dying out. She says that there are to-day 24,000 Hicksites and 85,000 Orthodox Friends. Princess Beatrice is at Aix les Bains

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Princess Stephanie, widow of the late Crown Prince Rudolph, will shortly make her appearance as an authoress. She is preparing a selection from her journal of travels for publication. Miss Susan Hale once played "The Seven Ages" at an entertainment given for a charity. She reversed the order of the scenes, appearing first as an old woman and last as a babe in the arms of her brother, Rev. Dr. E. E. Hale.

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